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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, the information given herein is true, that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one name is listed below) or an or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: RECOMBINANT PROTEINS OF A PAKISTANI STRAIN OF HEPATITIS E AND THEIR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC METHODS AND VACCINES

which is described in:

[X] the attached application or

[] PCT International Application No. _____ filed _____
 [] the specification in application Serial No. _____ filed _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a).

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC § 119
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